

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steven Bruess on 4/21/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A conductor connection module for a printed circuit board, comprising:

a plurality of contact elements, and

an integral housing in which the contact elements are arranged, the housing having a front elongated portion extending outwardly from a front end of the housing and a rear elongated portion extending outwardly from a rear end of the housing, the front and rear elongated portions each having a plurality of slots for receiving the contact elements ~~from a first end to a second end~~, the contact elements having a first contact area which is in the form of at least one insulation-displacement terminal contact arranged at the front elongated portion ~~first end~~ of the housing, and the contact elements having a second contact area which is in the form of at least one contact pin arranged at the rear elongated portion ~~second end~~ of the housing, wherein longitudinal axes of the insulation-displacement terminal contacts lie parallel to the surface of the

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printed circuit board when the conductor connection module is in the installed state on the printed circuit board;

a front panel having an opening;

wherein the contact pins are arranged at right angles to the insulation-displacement terminal contacts;

wherein the housing has a stop surface in order to support the housing on an end surface of the printed circuit board;

wherein the housing includes latching tabs on opposite top and bottom faces of the housing, the latching tabs latching the housing to the front panel, an end of the housing including the insulation-displacement terminal contacts positioned in the opening of the front panel.

Claims 2 and 5-10 have been canceled.

Claim 3, line 1, "2" has been changed to – 1 --.

11. (Previously Presented) A conductor connecting system, comprising:
- a) a printed circuit board having an end surface and opposite facing major surfaces, the end surface extending between the major surfaces; and
 - b) a conductor connection module including:

1) a plurality of contact elements each having a first contact area which is in the form of an insulation-displacement terminal, and having a second contact area which is in the form of a contact pin; and

2) an integral housing ~~which~~ having a front elongated portion extending outwardly from a front end of the housing and a rear elongated portion extending outwardly from a rear end of the housing, the front and rear elongated portions each having a plurality of slots for holding ~~the contact elements including the~~ insulation-displacement terminals and the contact pins, respectively;

3) the housing mounted to the printed circuit board;

4) the contact pins electrically connected to the printed circuit board;

5) the insulation-displacement terminals each defining a longitudinal axis which is at a right angle relative to a longitudinal axis defined by each of the contact pins, the longitudinal axes of the insulation-displacement terminals extending parallel to the major surfaces of the printed circuit board;

c) a front panel having an opening;

wherein the housing has a stop surface in order to support the housing on an end surface of the printed circuit board;

wherein the housing includes latching tabs on opposite top and bottom faces of the housing, the latching tabs latching the housing to the front panel, an end of the housing including the insulation-displacement terminal contacts positioned in the opening of the front panel.

Claims 13, 14 and 16-20 have been canceled.

Claim 15, line 1, "14" has been changed to – 11 --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hien D. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-2016. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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